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DATABASE OF MOBILE AND FIXED LINE CALLS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to create a massive database of mobile and fixed line calls in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which the new database would be made available to the subscribers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI. JYOTIRADITYA M.SCINDIA)

(a) Sir, the Government proposes to set up a Centre for Communication Security Research and Monitoring, and intends to keep a copy of selected Call Data Records (CDRs) in the Centre for its use. Complete CDRs are already being maintained at present by the respective Telecom Service Providers for a period of one year, as per licence conditions.

(b) The Centre will provide mandatory access to Law Enforcement Agencies for intercepting, monitoring and analyzing the activities of required customers/users and their social networking both proactively online, and through post analysis of information like CDRs.

(c) Such database is not proposed to be made available to the subscribers.